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AF:AMB. MULCAHY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: STATUS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE

1. AMB. VANCE AND ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY, ACCCOMPANIED BY AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ADAMS OR HIS DEPUTY, DONALD BROWN, HAVE HAD CONSULTATIONS ON THE AID SEGMENT OF THE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE WITH MARION C. ZARNECKI (STAFF CHIEF, HIRC), REPRESENTATIVES PASSMAN AND CONTE (HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS), REPRESENTATIVE BIESTER (HIRC), SENATOR CLARK (SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS), DAN SPIEGEL (HUMPHREY'S AIDE), DAVE ROSSITER (BROOKE'S AIDE), AND JOURDAN (STAFF CHIEF, SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AS WELL AS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH SENATOR INOUYE (SENATE APPROPRIATIONS) AND REPRESENTATIVE DIGGS (HIRC). ROSSITER TELLS US

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BROOKE IS FAVORABLE AND WANTS TO HELP. LATTER HAS ALREADY ENLISTED MCGEE. SPIEGEL IS CONFIDENT HUMPHREY WILL BE FAVORABLE BUT HE HAS NOT YET HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIM. SO FAR, THERE APPEARS IN GENERAL TO BE

REASONABLE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR DESIRE TO RESPOND TO MOBUTU'S FINANCIAL NEEDS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF OUR PLANNED ACTIONS, EXCEPT FOR PASSMAN, WHO WAS HIS USUAL IRASCIBLE SELF. HE TALKED OF HOLDING A HEARING ON THIS ITEM AFTER RECESS AND CENTERED HIS BASIC

OPPOSITION TO ALL AND ANY AID PROGRAMS. THIS WILL BE A PROBLEM. AS EXPECTED, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES APPEAR MOST UNDERSTANDING AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES HAVE THE MOST QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COUP, HINTON'S DEPARTURE AND WHETHER OUR POLITICAL RELATIONS ARE WORTH THE COST OF THE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE--ALTHOUGH THESE SAME PERSONS APPEAR IMPRESSED BY OUR ECONOMIC STAKE IN ZAIRE. JOURDAN HAS MADE IT CLEAR HE WOULD BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO AN AID LOAN TO ZAIRE THAT IS AT LESS THAN MAXIMUM AID TERMS. HE ALSO THINKS CONGRESS WILL BE READIER TO MOVE IF IMF CONSULTATIONS CAN TAKE PLACE SOON AND SUCCESSFULLY. SPIEGEL HAS SUGGESTED THAT SYMPATHETIC CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS WILL EXPECT TO SEEK A PRICE FOR SUPPORT OF THE ZAIRE PACKAGE IN TERMS OF LARGER AID FLOWS TO OVERALL AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

2. EXIM IS DRAFTING MESSAGE TO CLEAR WITH US ASKING GOZ CENTRAL BANK TO BEGIN PREPARING LISTS OF CATEGORIES OF US GOODS NEEDED. PL 480 AND CCC SEGMENT ALSO MOVING FORWARD AS VANCE HANDCARRIED BACK FROM KINSHASA DATA REQUIRED TO START CALCULATIONS AND DOCUMENTS. INGERSOLL

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